

**APPELLATE DEFENDER COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES**

AUGUST 18, 2020
VIA ZOOM
8:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

COMMISSIONERS: Chair Thomas Cranmer, Judith Gracey, Doug Mains, Douglas Messing, Thomas McNeill, and Darryl Woods.

OTHERS PRESENT:

SADO/MAACS: Director Jonathan Sacks, SADO Deputy Director Michael Mittlestat, Deputy Director Marilena David-Martin, SADO Human Resources Manager Wendy Dealca MAACS Administrator Brad Hall, MAACS Deputy Administrator Kathy Swedlow and Commission Secretary MariaRosa Palmer.

GUESTS: SADO staff: Rita Jajjoka, Maya Menlo, Haley McMullan, Sofia Nelson, Jackie Ouvry, Heather Waara, and Jessica Zimbelman.

Chairperson Cranmer called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for attending the Special Commission Meeting. Chairperson Cranmer opened the floor for public comment. No public comment was made.

Chairperson Cranmer requested a motion for a closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(h), to discuss the attorney memorandum that the Board of Commissioners received which is exempt from disclosure pursuant to MCL 15.243(1)(g) of the Freedom of Information Act, information subject to attorney client privilege.

Commissioner Woods moved, seconded by Commissioner Messing to move into closed session. Roll call vote was taken and carried unanimously.

The Commission resumed to open session.

Commissioner McNeill moved, seconded by Commissioner Woods to approve the voluntary union recognition at SADO subject to an independent third-party verification of the cards and that a majority exists among the affected employees supporting the union. Roll call vote was taken and carried unanimously.

The Chair opened the floor for public comment. No public comment was made.

Commissioner Gracey requested that the Commission observe a moment of silence to recognize Commissioner Judge Caprathe who recently passed away.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

MariaRosa J. Palmer
SADO

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BY: Thomas W. Cranmer, Chair